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IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A tool including:

[[¶]] a handle including a socket defining a first tunnel, a second tunnel and at least one aperture through which the first tunnel is communicated with the second tunnel;

[[¶]] a bit including a working head formed at an end, a shank formed at an opposite end and a series of recesses defined in the shank, wherein the shank can be inserted in the first tunnel; and

[[¶]] a locking device including at least one ball detent put in the aperture and a latch extending in the second tunnel for pushing the ball detent into one of the recesses in a locking position and defining at least one notch for receiving the ball detent in a releasing position.

Claim 2 (original): The tool according to claim 1 wherein the latch includes a button, and the locking device includes a spring compressed between the socket and the button for pushing the latch to the locking position.

Claim 3 (original): The tool according to claim 1 wherein the socket defines two apertures, and the locking device includes two ball detents put in the apertures, and the latch defines two notches corresponding to the apertures.

Claim 4 (original): The tool according to claim 1 further including a grip formed on the handle.

Claim 5 (original): The tool according to claim 1 wherein the first tunnel and the second tunnel extend in parallel with the handle.

Claim 6 (original): The tool according to claim 1 wherein the first tunnel and the second tunnel extend perpendicular to the handle.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The tool according to claim [[8]] 1 wherein the bit is a chisel.

Claim 8 (original): The tool according to claim 1 wherein the handle includes an additional socket formed thereon in order to receive an additional bit.

Claim 9 (original): The tool according to claim 8 wherein the additional bit is a screwdriver.